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### **Chief Justice Appoints Koyanagi to District Court Judgeship On O`ahu**

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon today appointed Faye M. Koyanagi as judge of the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit (O`ahu). Koyanagi will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable David Fong.

Since 1982, Koyanagi has been in private law practice, handling litigation for personal injury, product and construction defects, property damage, no-fault dispute, and professional malpractice cases. Her previous positions include serving as head trial counsel and associate attorney in private practice, and deputy corporation counsel and deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu.

Koyanagi received her law degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law.

The chief justice appoints District Court and District Family Court judges from a list of not less than six nominees submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission.

Koyanagi's appointment is subject to confirmation by the State Senate.

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